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The Third Page

Popular Stamps

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The New Season

September again—and a new stamp season. Everybody, mostly, will have returned from their holidays. Already a slight change toward cooler weather is noticeable and nightfall comes sooner than a few weeks ago. The urge to get out stamps again in the longer evenings will be manifesting itself. We confess, however, that with us we are reluctant to give up the joys of outdoors and are makng all the available use we may of the fresh air and luxuriant cool evenings. We're not just ready for stamps yet—that is intensively ready. Naturally, we pick up the odd philatelic item in all seasons, but until chilling frosts drive us indoors the hobby has to give way to the lure of out-doors with us. Likely there are others like us—but come September we begin to feel the beginning of an urge toward phlatelic pathways. Let the evenings get longer and the warmth of the fireplace desirable and we know that that budding urge will have reached full bloom. From then till next Spring many happy hours can be had with our stamps and other philatelic treasures.

We were going to say, that this is probably true with all hobbies, but we won't. We believe stamps stands out above them all for sustained interest. The field is so broad. In other words there are so many facets to philately that it seems to us the gem of all hobbies Of course we could be biased. But that's the way it seems to us—attractive and limitless in possibilities.

INAGURAL FLIGHT TO ORIENT

By authority of the Postmaster General, regular Air Mail service will be inaugurated, on or about the 19th September, 1949, between Vancouver, Canada, via Tokyo, Japan, to Hong Kong. Cachets will be applied to covers on the first official flight.

Cachets to be available are (1) Vancouver to Tokyo, Japan; (2) Vancouver to Hong Kong. Round trip covers not available. (As PS. reaches readers too late to make use of mailing instructions, we omit mention of them).

The Annual Meeting of the Essay Proof Society called for August 16, 1949, at Boston has been postponed to 1 P.M., Saturday, September 24, 1949, at the Collectors Club, 22 East 35 Street, New York, New York. Members are requested to exhibit one frame of 12 pages for which awards will be made. Entries should be addressed to John Britt, Chairman, 481 Fort Washington Avenue, New York 33, New York, who is also arranging for the Annual Dinner.

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Cobden, Ontario, July-Aug., 1949.

We appreciated calls this summer from collectors from various places who dropped in on us to say 'hello' as they motored through on a holiday.

Among stamp columnists we note writing for the daily press is Lorne W. Bentham, for Ottawa Journal.

From Toronto, Jas. Sissions, Les. Davenport and Earl Edwards were among those attending the A.P.S. Convention in Boston this summer.

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By L. N. and M. Williams

(In the Stamp Magazine, London, of ten years ago.)

At the present time the stamps of Canada are probably more popular with collectors than are the issues of any other part of the British Empire. That popularity is by no means undeserved, for in the eighty-eight years of its stamp-issuing life, the dominion has provided collectors with a variety of interesting and well-produced stamps, all of which offer philatelists considerable scope for research.

Yet only forty-two years ago the world's philatelic press reviled the Canadian Post Office Department, and the stamps it issued were called "discreditable emissions", "swindles", and other uncomplimentary names. The cause of all the bother was the series issued in commemoration of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, a series which many collectors regarded as being quite unnecessary, and the issue of which was an attempt to extort money dishonestly from their pockets.

The Jubilee series might never have been issued but for the agitation of the Toronto Philatelic Society, whose members urged the postmaster-general to make a commemorative issue. After some consideration, apparently, he agreed to issue a 3-cents value to be used instead of the normal stamp of that denomination for a limited period. However, upon giving the matter further thought, the postmaster-general must have decided that while he was issuing Canada's first commemorative stamps, he might as well do it properly, and issue a complete series.

On May 20, 1897, the Canadian Hansard reported that the postmaster general had announced in Parliament the government's intention to issue a set of Jubilee postage stamps, which would be put on sale throughout Canada in the same manner as the ordinary stamps.

There were to be sixteen different values of stamps, and one postcard. The denominations and numbers to be issued were announced as: ½c, 150,000; 1c, 8,000,000; 2c 2,500,000; 3c, 20,000,000; 5c, 750,000; 6c, 75,000; 8c, 200,000; 10c, 150,000; 15, 20 and 50c, 100,000 each; $1, $2, $3, $4 and $5, 25,000 each; 1c, postcards, 7,000,000.

The stamps were printed on white wove, unwatermarked paper, by the American Bank Note Company, of New York. Only a short time previously that firm had been given a contract for five-and-a-quarter years, to print Canadian bank notes, stamps and postcards, and the Jubilee stamps were the first to be produced under the contract.

Twenty-nine plates were used for printing, the plate numbers being as follows: ½c, 9; 1c, 5, 6, 15, 16; 2c, 7, 8; 3c, 1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12, 13, 14, 28, 29, 5c, 10; 6c, 17; 8c, 20; 10c, 19; 15c, 18; 20c, 21; 50c, 23; $1, 22; $2, 24; $3, 25; $4, 26; $5, 27. On Sept. 10, 1897, the requisite number of stamps having been issued, the plates were destroyed in the presence of three postal officials.

Supplies of Jubilee stamps were dispatched to the chief post offices on June 10, with instructions that the stamps were not be put on sale until June 19. Even before the issue was made, the authorities seem to have anticipated that speculators would attempt to corner certain denominations, and postmasters were requested to regulate the sales of individual values, so that people wishing to buy complete sets would be able to do so.

Despite these precautions, speculators made a rush for the ½-cent and 6-cent stamps, with the consequence that in a very short time those values became unobtainable at most offices. Owing to the limited printings of both values, the Post Office Department was unable to accede to the many requests for further supplies which came pouring in from all over the country, and a circular was issued to postmasters, informing them that the only orders which

could be filled were those for complete sets.

Not long afterwards it was decided that the stocks in hand were sufficient to satisfy the demand for short sets, and another circular was issued, accompanied in each case by a few sets from ½c to 50c, and ½c to $1. Even these were soon sold, and at the end of August a final circular anounced that, "except a reserve for complete sets (from ½c to $5.00 inclusive, cost $16.20½) there is not a Jubilee stamp left in the department."

It may be wondered why such small numbers of the ½-cent and 6-cents were printed, but the reason is not far to seek. Half a cent was the internal postal rate on newspapers weighing not more than one ounce, and also the rate on unaddressed circulars for delivery to box holders in city post offices. Consequently, ½-cent stamps were in comparatively small demand, and as 6-cent values were not used much either, the quantities printed were sufficient for three months' supply under normal conditions. In this instance, collectors and speculators combined to make the conditions far from normal, thus causing the stamp famine.

No unusal or perforation varieties of the Jubilee stamps were issued. However, the 1-cent is known bisect-diagonally, and used for half its value. The bisects emanated from New Glasgow, N.S., during a shortage of ½-cent stamps, and were used for franking copies of a weekly journal.

Although they were so wholeheartedly condemned in the contemporary philatelic press, and were promptly blacklisted by the S. S. S. S., the Jubilee stamps eventually overcame the obloquy in which they began their existence. Some years have elapsed since the prices of all values began to rise steadily, and despite the large printing of the 3-cents, even that stamp now no longer figures at the minimum price in the catalogues.

A sure sign that this series has gained philatelic popularty is to be found in the appearance of forgeries made to deceive collectors. The forgeries were produced probably by a photographic method, and exist apparently only in the high values. They can be recognized by the fact that the words of value consist of much thinner letters than the genuine stamps, and the maple leaf in the lower left-hand corner is very lightly shaded, especially at the edges, whereas on the genuine stamps the shading of the leaf is quite heavy.

JUST A FEW LINES FROM NEAR NORTH POLE

Into the London, England Evening News office arrived a letter postmarked November 27, 1948. It had taken four months to arrive.

And well it might. It had come from within 400 miles of the North Pole, from the tiny outpost of Eureka, the most northerly post office in the world and the northern hemisphere's loneliest English-speaking habitation.

Eureka lies near the tip of Ellesmere Island, where the icy fingers of Canada's North-West Territory lose themselves in the eternal snowfields around the Pole. For hundreds of miles there is no other human outpost, for even the Eskimos live much farther south. Yet here eight men, Americans and Canadians, live through the six-month-long Polar nights and days, studying weather and climate for their two Governments.

On July 31, last summer, I wrote to one of these men. The letter left London by ordinary surface mail.

Exactly three months later, on October 31, the letter was delivered —by aeroplane. Let my correspondent say what happened:

"Weather was extremely poor for flying when six of us drove in our half-track vehicle to meet the plane which circled around for over half an hour before sighting our lights.

"Temperature was comparatively mild, about ten above zero (it had been down to minus 29 Fahrenheit only a few days previous), but a moderate storm of drifting snow was in progress. A landing was nevertheless executed and the aircraft was unloaded in all haste that its engines might not have time to cool off."—Harold Walton.

DINKY DAYMUS VARIETIES

BY AUBREY KELSON

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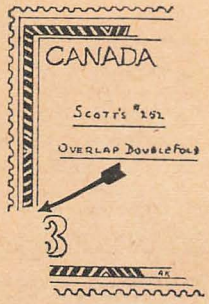

Sketch 262—Canada Scott's No. 252, the 3c rose violet from a block of four with overlap and double fold. Sent us by Leopold Plamondin.

Sketch No. — Australian Scott's No. 114, the 1d green with ring at nose of kangaroo.

North Toronto Stamp Club opening meeting for the Fall season is slated for Sept. 8th, and on Sept. 22 Mr. Louis Lameroux will give a talk on his recent trip, entitled "Stamping Through Europe."

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BLOCK COLLECTING

We have a letter from a correspondent who makes a few observatons on mint block collecting. He concedes its popularity but questions why? Apparently it has become the vogue but outside plate imprint collecting he thinks there are many collecting mint blocks who can ill afford it, particularly youngsters who may ultimately bog down from the impact of financial considerations and sour on philately from all angles. It therefore would seem that block collecting is primarily a philatelic outlet for the wealthy, only. The same might be said about many other branches of philately, such as collecting the classics. It is not the fault of what is collectible, but rather the collector who should guage his collecting activities to fall within the possibilities of what he can comfortably afford.

He does raise one point that would seem to have merit. That is in plate imprint collecting. Instead of collecting plate imprint blocks collect the imprint item in pairs or strips. In other words collect the stamps in the row adjacent to the imprint but only those necessary to show the complete imprint whether two or three stamps. Another row of stamps along side or underneath he claims unnecessary—or just so much window dressing—or a doubling of the cost to the collector.

Perhaps block collecting had its beginning in a thought for uniformity—each block tending to the square, rather than a rectangle as in the case of pairs and strips.

The writer does not make a plea for single stamp collecting or breaking up of blocks held by collectors. He does think, however, that matched pairs look pretty nice, and that the new collector doesn't necessarily need to follow in the footsteps of his elders if he wants to branch out in a new idea of collecting.

Mr. C. A. Anderson has sent us a P. A. National Parks picture postcard from Waskesin Lake, Sask., which was carried by The Saskatchewan Transportation Co. bus to Prince Albert where the mail goes on the train. This has been the custom since the Park opened in 1927.

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By Ed. Richardson

#36—3d Plate Proof

I'll have to admit my abysmal ignorance when it comes to proofs, and my next question will probably prove it.

I have a pair of 3d beaver plate proofs on cardboard—I don't find cardboard mentioned in Essay—Proof or Holmes—unless we understand that proofs on India may or may not be mounted on card. The thing that really puzzles me however, is that the cardboard has distinct vertical "laid lines" very similar in spacing to the 1851 "laid paper" issues. Has anyone seen other proofs on similar cardboard?

#37—Canadian Patriotic Used by Canadian Contingent.

At last I have secured a Canadian patriotic actually used by a member of the Canadian Contingent in South Africa during the Boer War. It's the small bull-dog design, with the good luck horseshoe.

The design is all in black, and is similar to a beautiful blue and red job, which comes on a postcard and perhaps on an envelope. They are by the same printer, Sam. J. Richey of St. John, N.B. It bears an early date for the cachet—March 23rd. This was mentioned last month in H-T installment paragraph #32. This was just two days after Pvt. Bishop arrived in Capetown, as he was a member of the 1st Batt, Squardron "A", which sailed from Halifax, February 21st and arrived at the Cape on March 21st. I note also that the design was registered with the Canadian Government on January 17, 1900, so the design could not have been in use long before being purchased by Pvt. Bishop and taken with him to South Africa.

(Since writing the above, I have seen a similar patriotic bearing the same date cachet in the collection of Lloyd Sharpe of Hamilton, Ont.)

#38—Illustrated Covers

A couple of months ago I spent an enjoyable Saturday evening looking over a small portion of the illustrated cover collection of Vincent Greene, well known and popular Toronto collector. Vinnie really covers the field, and his 19th century covers are a real joy to see. I've often wondered why Canadians have been so tardy in sensing the possibilities in these things. However, they are on the up now—just try to buy them for 5 or 10c anymore! My own 19th century illustrated interest centers around Hotels, Fairs and Agricultural covers. Here's a few possibilities—

Fairs and Industrial Expositions.
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Hotels.
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Publishers, Newspapers, etc.
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Clothing.

Others not too extensive include, stores, pianos, boats and scenic views.

These always seem to attract and interest the non-collector— and they are really "top drawer" historical material. Let's stop tossing them aside because the stamps are worthless!

#39—"Jesse Hoyt" Correspondence

Just a word of warning—look over covers from this correspondence carefully, a great deal of it has been faked. I had known this for at least ten years, but had almost forgotten it until I had three "jobs" submitted to me lately. Most of it is poorly done—but a devil of a lot of collections I've seen include one or more of the faked jobs. Even the best of collectors sometimes get careless. Not all of the correspondence is faked however.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO C.P.S. MEMBERS

It is a good time for all of us to take a look at our Society and to give serious thoughts to formulating plans for its further advancement. During the past three summer months your Directors and Officers have been making such plans, about which you will hear more early in the Fall.

In order that the advancement looked for can be made possible, we must have the help of all the membership, and I am asking YOU to assist in the intensive membership drive now under consideration, and to do your part in bringing into our National body at least one thousand worthwhile and reputable collectors before the end of the current fiscal year. A special invitation is extended to our good friends in the United States. If each of us would bring in at least one new member, we would soon attain our objective.

Give this matter serious thought and let us try to put this increased membership objective over.

JOHN W. YAXLEY, President

Variety of the "Weeping Princess"

By R. M. Angus.

What will be news to most collectors is the fact that the "tear" below the Princesses eye can be found in two positions. The writer's attention was first drawn to it some years ago, shortly after it was issued, when I sold a mint block of four to a collector. A few days later the collector rang me up and told me that

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in his opinion the one I had sold him was a fake! Frankly puzzled, I examined the used one he had and which he removed from the cover of his monthly bill from a large business house. To my surprise, it was about ½ mm more to the right of the commonly known one, and tallied with the size, shape and other details of the commoner one. There was no question of its being a fake. To allay his suspicions, I showed him Gibbon's enlargement of the stamp, which tallied exactly with the one in the block I had sold him.

The denouement came shortly after, when I, with a group of brother philatelists was having dinner with Mr. A. Stanley Deaville on his last visit to Victoria prior to his untimely death. Among other leading questions I asked him was "Is it possible for the "Weeping Princess" variety to happen in two positions and if so, how do you account for it?" He gave me the valuable information that it was not only possible, but actually did occur. It appeared that when Plates are made, prior to use, they are wrapped in silver paper or tinfoil. When the time comes to go to press, this is removed. In the case in point, a tiny portion of the tinfoil adhered to the plate without being noticed until attention was drawn to it by collectors and others. The offending particle was immediately removed, but not before it had moved a fraction to the right causing the two positions mentioned. The used copy in question is the only one the writer is aware of, and probably much the scarcest. Never having heard any lucid explanation as to how the variety was caused, the explanation, coming from such a noted authority as the late Mr. Deaville should undoubtedly be recorded in Philatelic annals.

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PHILATELISTS BY MILLIONS

By Richard B. Cole

in the Wall Street Journal.

Stamps are in a slump, but the faithful fans who collect them claim they've still got a prime investment.

There has been a 20 percent to 25 percent decline in U.S. prices of run-of-mill stamps since a peak in the first quarter of 1947, says Robson Lowe, big dealer with a home office in England and an American branch in Philadelphia. In Britain, there's been a price slide of 24 percent just over the past year, he adds. But he figures security values there have fallen more sharply.

Estimates of the U.S. price decline vary. A spokesman for H. E. Harris and Co., big Boston dealer, thinks stamps are off 10 percent from the '47 peak, though some "speculative" issues by countries whose currencies or political regimes have fallen apart have gone down more sharply. The experts declare some extremely rare specimens have hardly declined at all in value.

Philatelists are devotees of what is commonly regarded as America's No. 1 hobby, with 4,000,000 "serious" collectors, and 10,000,000 collectors including children and intermittent enthusiasts, if you take Dr. Thompson's estimate.

Catering to the buying urge of the millions of collectors is now a big business, with an estimated 5,000 stamp dealers in this country. Temple University teaches a course in philately for training budding dealers, and a few other colleges provide shorter courses in stamp recognition.

In England says a collector from Bath, Mayor Adrian Hopkins, the annual turnover in stamps is estimated at some $35 million. At Washington, the philatelic department of the post office last year sold over $4,200,000 face value of stamps for collectors, states Mr. Lybarger.

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